

Passaic River Cleanup

2014 update for HEP report. Info provided by Jennifer LaPoma

River Mile 10.9 Non-Time Critical Removal

From August to October 2013, approximately 16,000 cubic yards of highly contaminated sediment were removed from a mudflat on the eastern bank of the Lower Passaic River near Lyndhurst (at River Mile 10.9). The sediment was transported by barge downriver to a processing facility and then disposed of out-of-state. From November 2013 to May 2014, a protective cap was placed over the approximately 5.6-acre excavated area. The cap is approximately two feet thick and consists of four layers of stone, fabric, sand and a layer of activated carbon. The cap will be monitored and maintained to ensure that it remains protective while a final cleanup plan for the lower 17 miles of the Passaic River is developed by the EPA. The approximately \$20 million cleanup is being performed and paid for by a group of 65 companies considered potentially responsible for contamination of the Lower Passaic River, with EPA oversight.